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Courts say 'no' to ageism

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

**In Alberta, age
will soon be a
discriminating
factor**



**Alex
Boyd**
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It will soon be illegal to discriminate based on age in Alberta — in the same way you can't discriminate based on disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

On Friday, lawyer Allan Garber made an application to the Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench on behalf of his client, well-known seniors advocate Ruth Adria, to add age as a discriminating factor to the Alberta Human Rights Act.

The court approved the motion. And that makes Alberta the last province to prohibit ageism, Garber said.

"They realized that they had to get in step with the rest of Canada. But it's also the right thing to do, whether or not they're in step, it's the right thing to do."

Garber said ageism is usually associated with seniors. Take

driver testing based solely on age, not medical condition, a practice he said affects seniors "profoundly."

Still, he said, there are likely instances of young people being discriminated against, too, such as if a landlord refuses to rent to a younger person.

Edmonton-Centre MLA David Shepherd thinks that's the case.

He said he hopes the ruling ends discrimination against families by disallowing adult-only buildings in Alberta, which can see people who have children kicked out or not allowed.

"As a representative in the downtown core I recognize that having more families in our community adds to urban vibrancy, helps support local business and really adds a lot to our local communities," he said.

The province now has the next year to work out any exceptions. Selling cigarettes and alcohol to minors, for example, will probably remain illegal, Garber said.

"This applies to elderly people, to young people, it applies to a whole gamut of the population so they're going to have to figure out which age-based exemptions should apply."



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CITY HALL

City councillors' pay dips for 2017

Edmonton city councillors are taking a 2.49 per cent pay cut this year and will earn less than they did since 2014.

The city posted the wage decrease for councillors on its website Monday, showing representatives will make \$98,362 in 2017, down from \$100,873 in 2016.

Mayor Don Iveson is also taking a cut. He'll make \$173,269 in 2017 — \$4,426 less than the \$177,695 he made in 2016. (For comparison, in 2016, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi earned \$218,285.)

Councillors' wages are determined by an independent city committee, and are calculated by looking at the percentage change — averaged over 12 months — of Alberta's average weekly earnings.

Coun. Andrew Knack wrote in a blog post Monday that he thinks having an independent committee adjust wages is the right approach.

"When the council of 2012 was debating this, I agreed with the process and still think it is the best process because it eliminates any political involvement around salaries," Knack wrote.

"This is the only order of government that does not set their own wages and I do not believe we should ever be involved in that deci-

BY THE NUMBERS

\$4,426

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson will make \$4,426 less this year than he did in 2016

\$173,269

What the mayor will make in 2017. He was paid \$177,695 in 2016.

sion, as there would be no way to remain unbiased."

One third of the mayor and councillors' salaries is tax exempt, which is allowed by the Municipal Government Act and the federal Income Tax Act.

Iveson also receives \$1,204.78 per month for a vehicle allow-



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Coun. Andrew Knack in a blog post

ance (one-third tax exempt), or has the choice of a city-owned vehicle. Councillors are also allowed \$601.25 (one-third tax exempt) for their vehicle allowances.

Members of council are also offered city transit passes, but they don't have to accept them. The passes are valued at \$94.50 per month.

Whole Foods leaves a hole in complex

ORGANIC FOOD

Supermarket chain cancels plan to open store in city



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

With sleek glass and wood accents, the mammoth store on Calgary Trail almost looks ready to open — but Whole Foods isn't coming to Edmonton, after all.

"It looked like they were ready to move in, but no trucks ever showed up," said Hayley Gillis, a team lead at Penningtons, a clothing store across the parking lot from the empty store.

On Monday, Whole Foods confirmed its plan to quadruple its Canadian presence to 40 stores has hit a snag and that will not open in Calgary and Edmonton.

"Whole Foods Market is committed to expanding in Canada with two stores in development, but we will not be moving forward with the Calgary or Edmonton store locations," wrote spokeswoman Beth Krauss in a one-sentence email late last week.

Krauss didn't respond to a request for an interview to explain why the Alberta stores are not going ahead or to clarify the company's growth plan. It's unclear where the two stores in de-



Texas-based Whole Foods Market says it's cancelling plans to open stores in Calgary and Edmonton, similar to this one located in Oakville, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

velopment she mentions would be located.

Gillis said she and her co-workers have watched as the former Canadian Tire on Calgary Trail was transformed to make way for what was supposed to be the organic supermarket chain's first location in the city.

For the other businesses in the area, the now-gaping hole in the complex of stores is disappointing.

"Customers are less likely to come shop now because there's nothing there," Gillis said, "An

empty store isn't that entertaining."

Tejas Patel, assistant manager at the JYSK store, said his store took a hit after Canadian Tire left — and the construction on the Whole Foods began — but said they've now recovered.

He added his store has been there for almost a decade so will be able to weather the news, but worries about the newer businesses that moved in believing Whole Foods would eventually anchor the area.

"It should matter for everybody, more people means more business," he said.

Kevin Grier, a retail analyst based in Guelph, Ont., said the poor Alberta economy, hit hard by low oil prices, likely played a role in Whole Foods decision.

"An upscale store like that needs a critical mass of affluent, confident shoppers and the fact they are cancelling or postponing stores tells me it's indicative of the market there," he said.

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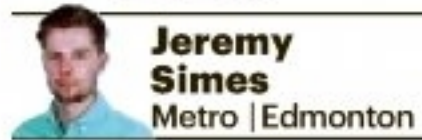
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DOWNTOWN

Winter cyclists are happy with network



Adam Noble-Johnson cycled through five kilometres of snow and cold temperatures Monday morning, and he can't wait for the new downtown bike grid to make things easier.

"It was pretty hard today — there was freshly fallen snow and not all the roads are clear," said Noble-Johnson, a former resident of Calgary, which already has a downtown cycle grid.

"I'm noticing not having that infrastructure makes a difference. I'm excited to see what gets built here."

Noble-Johnson isn't the only Edmontonian faring new trails as snow coats the roads.

The city's recently-opened 102 Avenue trail — from about 126 Street to 134 Street — is making some commutes easier, especially when it's snowy and cold.

Coun. Andrew Knack, an avid winter cyclist, said using the 102 Avenue mixed-use trail — which opened in the summer — has made his trip better.

"I started using it just as the snow started to fall," he said. "For me, it's a good introduction and it's getting me downtown easier and safer than before."

Chris Chan, executive director of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society, said the new trail is critical for cyclists coming from the west-end to downtown.

"Previously, a lot of people would either be riding on the sidewalk or on the road," he said. "The new shared-use path is definitely an improvement, and I find myself preferring to take it — it's a lot more comfortable and you have your own space."

Chan said the 102 Avenue trail — like all bike infrastructure — encourages more people to cycle in the winter.

He's anticipating an uptick in cyclists when the trail connects to Oliver and the new bike grid later this year.

"Having a good route where you can feel safe — that's something you have to rely on the city for," he said. "Having this good infrastructure really opens up that option for a lot of people who wouldn't be comfortable otherwise."

The new shared-use path is definitely an improvement.

Chris Chan



Adam Noble-Johnson says biking in the winter isn't so bad once you put your mind to it. He's excited for the new downtown bike grid. JEREMY SIMES/METRO



Police are warning Edmontonians not to buy gold unless it's been properly tested. AFP/FILE

Fraudsters turning copper into gold

POLICE

People looking to sell bogus bullion not uncommon



About once a month, someone comes into Sara Patterson-Robert's store trying to hawk fake gold.

"Usually I can tell really quick whether or not they know that it's fake and they're trying to rip me off, because they'll make a face when I say I have to test

it, or they'll grab it and run," said Patterson-Robert, who's the manager of Edmonton Gold, a shop that buys and sells precious metals.

"Occasionally the person trying to sell it to me was ripped off, because they are just devastated when they're told it's fake."

Indeed, some Edmontonians got a painful reminder Monday that not all that glitters is gold.

Police say about 20 merchants and individuals in the city have been swindled into buying bars of fake gold for \$300 to \$800 each.

Their actual value? Less than one dollar apiece.

"It's a significant loss of money for them," said Edmonton Police Service Const. Robert Wellon, with the criminal investigation

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Investigators say merchants have been getting ripped off, paying \$300 to \$800 for fake gold bars. Their actual value is estimated at a cool \$1 per bar.

section.

Police found the bars were covered in real gold but made from 94 to 96 per cent copper after an investigation, following a similar scam that was uncovered in Winnipeg last month.

They recovered the bars which combined had a total of 220 grams of gold, which they peg

at a total market value of \$10,000.

Patterson-Robert offers to test every piece of gold she sells in front of the customer, and said no one should buy from someone who isn't able to do that.

Her customers range from those just looking to buy low and sell high, to those who think the financial system is on verge of collapse.

"There's a lot of people who believe that we're going to be going back to a gold-based system — they think that regular money isn't going to be worth anything so they'd rather have gold in their hands," Patterson-Robert said.

Police are asking anyone with information about the counterfeit gold to come forward.

ECONOMY

Province seeks public input on budget, pledges no new major spending

The Alberta government says it wants to hear from the public before it finishes the upcoming budget.

Consultations are to include invitation-only meetings this month in nine communities as well as a phone-in meeting involving Premier Rachel Notley.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci says there will be no new ma-

jor spending in the financial plan that is expected to be tabled in March.

The government, still faced with soft oil prices, is looking for ideas on how it can control and cut spending without affecting key programs.

"We will continue to slow the rate of spending by finding efficiencies in government,

but we need your help in doing so," Ceci said Monday.

"I'll be asking them what choices should we make as a government to control spending."

Ceci said the government is still forecasting a \$10.8-billion deficit for the current fiscal year that ends March 31.

A Finance Department

spokesman said members of the legislature have been tasked with inviting people to attend the meetings to be held in Edmonton, Stony Plain, Vegreville, Grande Prairie, Fairview, Red Deer, Redwater, Calgary and Medicine Hat.

The meetings will not be open to the general public.

Telephone phone-in meet-

ings are to be held Jan. 30 and 31.

Ceci said people are also being urged to submit their budget ideas to the government online until Feb. 3.

In the government's last budget update, Ceci said new jobs were being created and Alberta's housing market was stabilizing. But real GDP for

the current fiscal year is expected to fall by 2.8 per cent due mainly to the effects of the Fort McMurray wildfire last spring.

Ceci said in November that the government expects the economy to rebound in the coming fiscal year and grow by 2.3 per cent.

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A shakeup for Cabinet members

GOVERNMENT

PM to reshuffle team in wake of Trump presidency

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to give his year-old cabinet a facelift on Tuesday, shifting some weak ministers and promoting strong performers as his government braces for Donald Trump's imminent ascension to the U.S. presidency.

Sources tell The Canadian Press that the shuffle will involve at least six people.

Those expected to be moved include International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland, who is believed likely to replace Stéphane Dion at Foreign Affairs.

Freeland, a former economics journalist with extensive contacts in the United States, is credited with deftly navigating through some eleventh-hour obstacles that threatened last fall to scupper the Canada-European Union free trade agreement — potentially valuable experience for deal-



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau holds a news conference with his cabinet after they were sworn in at Rideau Hall, in Ottawa on Nov. 4, 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ing with the incoming Trump administration.

Trump, whose inauguration takes place Jan. 20, has vowed to adopt an unapologetically protectionist, America-first policy on trade, including reopening or even tearing up the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Dion's tenure at Foreign Affairs has been a rocky one, marred by controversy over his approval of a \$15-billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia. His prickly demeanour could also be ill-suited to dealing with the unpredictable Trump, who has demonstrated a tendency to easily take offence.

Rumours have swirled for months that Dion was to be named ambassador to France but he has denied any interest in the plum post.

News of the shuffle leaked out Monday, just as the Prime Minister's Office confirmed that Trudeau's two top aides, Katie Telford and Gerald Butts,

have been meeting with some of Trump's senior advisers, building bridges to the incoming administration.

Also believed to be in the shuffle mix are Status of Women Minister Patty Hajdu, seen as a strong performer, and Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef, widely criticized for her handling of Trudeau's promise to reform Canada's voting system.

Employment Minister Mary-Ann Mihychuk is also expected to be moved.

Sources, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose details publicly, expect at least one new face in cabinet: François-Philippe Champagne, parliamentary secretary to Finance Minister Bill Morneau.

In his first cabinet of 30 ministers, Trudeau famously appointed an equal number of men and women "because it's 2015." That parity was upset last fall when Hunter Tootoo resigned from cabinet and the Liberal caucus to seek treatment for alcohol addiction following what he later admitted was an inappropriate relationship with a female staffer.

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AGA KHAN TRIP

Tory MP calls for ethics probe

Conservative leadership candidate Andrew Scheer has asked Parliament's ethics commissioner to decide whether Justin Trudeau's secret family vacation to the Aga Khan's private island was an improper "gift" that constitutes a conflict of interest for the prime minister.

In a letter dated Sunday, the Saskatchewan MP pointed out that the Aga Khan's foundation in Canada has received tens of millions of dollars in international development contracts from the federal government, as well as funds for the organization's headquarters in Ottawa. Scheer wrote that the family vacation was a "private gift" from the billionaire religious leader that may have breached the Conflict of Interest Act.

Fellow Tory leadership hopeful Kellie Leitch also called for an investigation on Twitter.

"The prime minister of Canada must be held to the highest standard," Scheer said in a statement. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Popular Obama didn't quite unite

UNITED STATES

Over half of Americans hold favourable view of president

More Americans feel Barack Obama's presidency divided the country than feel it brought people together, a new poll shows. Yet he leaves office held in high esteem by a solid majority.

Eight years after Obama's historic election, just 27 per cent see the U.S. as more united as a result of his presidency, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll conducted after the 2016 election. Far more — 44 per cent — say it's more divided.

Those figures underscore one of the key contradictions of Obama's presidency. By and large, Americans like him. Yet, aside from the big "Obamacare" health care overhaul, he has been unable to translate that approval into congressional majorities to



President Barack Obama
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fulfil many of his goals.

"It's one of the few regrets of my presidency — that the rancour and suspicion between the parties has gotten worse instead of better," Obama said last January in his final State of the Union address.

Still, 57 per cent say they view Obama favourably, putting him way ahead of his predecessor, George W. Bush, and on par with Bill Clinton at the end of their two terms. Clinton had the same 57 per cent but Bush just 40, according to Gallup polling at the time. Bush's father fared better, with 62

per cent viewing him favourably at the end of his time in office.

Just over half say Obama's presidency has been great or good. Thirty-seven per cent view him unfavourably. Did he keep his promises? He did not, in the minds of 2 of 3 Americans, though 44 per cent say he tried.

Obama leaves office more popular than he was just a few years ago. In December 2014, the month after Democrats lost control of the Senate, just 41 per cent said they viewed him favourably in an AP-GfK poll.

His complicated legacy comes into sharper focus when it comes to race. Nearly 8 in 10 African-Americans view the nation's first black president favourably, but far fewer see his presidency as having yielded the type of profound changes for black Americans that many had hoped.

Just 43 per cent of African-Americans say Obama made things better for black people, while roughly half say they see no difference. Six per cent say Obama has made things worse.

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Trump-in-law given big role in incoming administration

President-elect Donald Trump's influential son-in-law Jared Kushner will join him in the White House as a senior adviser, transition officials said Monday, putting the young real estate executive in position to exert broad sway over both domestic and foreign policy, particularly Middle East issues and trade negotiations.

Trump has come to rely heavily on Kushner, who is married to the president-elect's daughter Ivanka. Since the election, Kushner has been one of the transition team's main liaisons to foreign governments, communicating with Israeli officials and meeting last week with Britain's foreign minister.



Jared Kushner AFP/GETTY IMAGES

He's also huddled with congressional leaders and helped interview Cabinet candidates.

His eligibility could be challenged. But Kushner lawyer

Jamie Gorelick argued Monday that a 1967 law meant to bar government officials from hiring relatives does not apply to the West Wing. She cited a later congressional measure to allow the president "unfettered" and "sweeping" authority in hiring staff.

Kushner, who will not be taking a salary, will resign as CEO of his family's real estate company and as publisher of the New York Observer, as well as divest "substantial assets," Gorelick said. She said Kushner will recuse himself "from particular matters that would have a direct and predictable effect on his remaining financial interests." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



“They’re definitely trying hard to flirt and court. They are not particularly successful.”
Bart Kempenaers

An ale pectoral sandpiper near Barrow, Alaska, calls out in the hope of attracting a female.
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WILDLIFE

‘Failed Don Juans’ looking for mates on a wing need a prayer

You fly more than 100 miles for love. You get rejected. You fly another 100 miles. Another rejection. And another.

That's the high-flying but futile sex life of the male pectoral sandpiper looking for love in northernmost Alaska, according to a new study.

Some males are more persistent than others. Researchers tracked one desperate small shorebird that logged more than 8,100 miles (13,045 kilometres) in two dozen different hook-up attempts over a frenetic four

weeks.

"They're definitely trying hard to flirt and court," said biologist Bart Kempenaers of the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany. "They are not particularly successful most of them. Failed Don Juans mostly."

Sandpipers migrate from South America to breeding grounds in the Arctic tundra in the summer. The males tend to be sex crazy during this time because females are only fertile for a few weeks. They flit all over the place, trying hard to seal the

deal with loud throaty hoots as many times as possible. The problem for them is that the females only mate once or twice a season.

"Copulations are incredibly rare," Kempenaers said. "The males need to try and try and keep at it."

Researchers tracked the activity of 100 male birds during a breeding season. It is "the most extreme example" of promiscuity in animals seen yet, said Kempenaers, who led the study published Monday in the journal Nature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Snake on a plane: Flight halted in serpent spotting
Once Samuel L. Jackson appeared in Dubai, it really was only a matter of time before the snake on a plane turned up. Dubai-based airline Emirates said that one of its flights from Muscat, Oman, to Dubai was cancelled after a snake was spotted. Passengers hadn't yet boarded the

Boeing 777. Jackson, who starred in the thriller "Snakes on a Plane," was in Dubai last month for the Dubai International Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assad casting himself in the role of peacemaker
Syrian President Bashar Assad said in remarks published Monday that he was prepared "to negotiate

everything" at planned talks later this month in Kazakhstan, seeking to cast himself as a peacemaker after his forces' recapture of Aleppo last month. However, the upcoming talks, brokered by Ankara and Moscow, are still in doubt as Syrian opposition groups have yet to confirm their participation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada hot for cruise ships

TOURISM

Port cities are anticipating a surge in visitors

Canadian port cities expect to get an economic boost this summer from an influx of cruise visitors attracted by a low loonie and the country's 150th birthday celebrations.

Ports across Atlantic Canada, Quebec and British Columbia are anticipating a surge in cruise traffic.

"Canada is hot right now," Pierre Bellerose of Montreal's tourism board said in an interview.

With the opening in May of a \$78-million refurbished passenger terminal, the Port of Montreal anticipates the number of cruise passengers and crew members will be up 28 per cent from last year to 110,000 as the city celebrates its 375th birthday and Canada's sesquicentennial.

"The Port of Montreal is at the heart of those celebrations," said port CEO Sylvie Va-



The Port of Montreal is expecting 110,000 cruise passengers and crew this summer as the city celebrates its 375th birthday and Canada's sesquicentennial. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

chon. "We know that maritime trade has played an important role in the development of the city and the entire country."

The extra passengers are expected to generate an additional \$5.5 million in local spending, raising the total this year to about \$30 million, says Tourisme Montreal.

Ports in Atlantic Canada are also anticipating double-digit increases in 2017 above the nearly 600,000 passengers that landed last year, said Brian Webb, executive director of Cruise Atlantic Canada.

"It's looking great across the board, so every single port looks to be seeing increases,"

he said from Nova Scotia.

Newfoundland and Labrador is expecting a record cruise season with an expected 99,266 passenger and crew visits, up from 50,448 passenger and crew visits in 2016.

"We're definitely excited about the increases because it will mean increased economic

+ WHY THEY COME

The low value of the Canadian dollar encouraged cruise lines a couple of years ago to add routes this summer.

Canada's birthday celebrations, the Tall Ships gathering in Halifax from July 29 to Aug. 1 and increased tourism efforts across the region are also contributing factors

activity," Webb added.

While in Canadian ports, cruise ship passengers spent almost \$262 million or nearly \$150 per person in 2012, according to the latest study conducted by the industry. Average spending was highest in B.C. ports, which accounted for 54 per cent of the more than two million passenger visits and 77 per cent of spending.

The Port of Halifax, largest in Atlantic Canada, welcomed 238,000 cruise passengers in 2016, up seven per cent from the prior year.

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INVESTING

Firm buys into pot testing lab

Ottawa-based cannabis investment firm CannaRoyalty Corp. says it's acquiring a 20 per cent stake in Anandia Laboratories Inc., a company that specializes in marijuana testing, in a deal valued at \$4 million.

There are currently seven licensed cannabis producers in Canada who are working with the Vancouver-based cannabis biotechnology company to test their products. A report by the federally appointed task force on marijuana highlighted the importance of testing cannabis products to ensure they're safe for consumption.

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IN BRIEF

Yahoo changing its name

Yahoo will adopt a new identity and slash the size of its board if the proposed sale of its digital services to Verizon goes through. The company plans to change its name to Altaba Inc.

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EMMA TEITEL ON THE RIGHT TO DISCONNECT



At this very moment France is not in the business of building on the tools of mass communication; it's in the business of restricting them.

Despite a reputation for standoffishness (especially with tourists) the French have invented some of the most important mass communication tools in human history. These include the papermaking machine, the Bic Cristal ballpoint pen (who doesn't have one of those?), and the bane of high school principals everywhere: the mobile software that enables us to share photos on our cell-phones en masse, i.e. the DNA of the nude selfie.

This history is interesting and odd, because at this very moment France is not in the business of building on the tools of mass communication; it's in the business of restricting them.

I'm referring to the country's new "right to disconnect law" that went into effect on New Year's Day (along with a series of other labour-related regulations): a law that makes it illegal for employers to intrude on employees' private time via email after working hours.

More specifically, the law requires that companies with 50 or more staff members work with unions and employees to devise a policy that prevents the intrusion of office emails into workers' leisure time. The "Right to Disconnect" policy comes on the heels of a French study about the scourge of so-called "info-obesity": the suffering health of French workers who are constantly connected to their emails

Technology's pervasiveness is as much the fault of Internet-obsessed employees as inconsiderate bosses.

outside working hours. Curtail that connection, argues French Labour Minister Myriam El Khomri, and everybody — bosses and charges alike — will be better off.

So it goes that the nation that invented the software that keeps Kim Kardashian's selfie empire afloat has taken a vow of technological temperance.

The question now for those of us who live outside of that nation is should we follow suit? Should we do as the French do, and demand: "No longer will our

ward reviving the fast fading line between work and play (a line that is likely to go extinct without government intervention.)

But unfortunately, the law is also a Band-Aid solution to a much deeper problem. Excessive emailing isn't the prime enemy of leisure time in the modern work world. We are the enemy. That is, our addiction to technology is the enemy.

It's an addiction that motivates 87 per cent of U.S. workers, according to an American survey from 2015,

lated away, because its pervasiveness is as much the fault of Internet-obsessed employees as it is inconsiderate bosses. (I check my email almost every day when I am on vacation not because I think my employer is emailing me, but because I am addicted to my phone.)

In fact, one could argue that a prohibition against after-hours emailing is almost useless if it doesn't address the job pressures exacerbated by social media. Email, after all, is only one of many online communication tools available to employers. If you happen to work in public relations, or advertising, the line between personal and professional is often even blurrier; many people in these fields are required to post content to social media on behalf of their organizations — a duty that never sleeps and is rife with personal risk. Make a mistake in a rush, and your career and reputation could be in the gutter.

If your job involves social media — and even if it doesn't — it isn't unlikely that you follow your bosses and colleagues on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. If this is the case, so long as you are logged onto to one of those platforms you are effectively never out of reach of your employer.

The truth, then, is that the disappearing line between work and leisure time cannot be restored by legislation alone. It will be restored only if — in addition to the passage of progressive labour laws — we decide to commit to the deeply personal work required to kick any powerful addiction.

Emma Teitel is a columnist for the Toronto Star.



Now that France has passed a law that makes it illegal for employers to intrude on employees' private time via email outside working hours, the question for the rest of us is: Should we follow suit? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

vacations be cut short by uncharitable bosses who refuse to respect the authority of our Out of Office auto-replies?" Our answer, judging by fawning headlines and editorials heralding the right to disconnect, is a resounding yes. As a rule, liberal North Americans love to heap praise on progressive European social policy, and it appears this case is no exception.

And why should it be? The law, after all, is a step in the right direction to-

to check their emails outside work hours everyday, and provokes the average smartphone user, according to a study from 2013, to check Facebook 14 times a day. It's an addiction, according to another study, from the U.K., that triggers university students who are separated from their technology for 24 hours to suffer withdrawal symptoms similar to those exhibited by heavy cigarette smokers.

It's an addiction, in other words, that cannot be legis-

A question for Boyden: What is his struggle?

Aaron Paquette

This is an edited version of a blog that appeared on the author's website.

I believe Joseph Boyden can make amends and find a place among some indigenous community, but that doesn't excuse what he has done.

Boyden's "indigeneity" has recently come into question, with the writer on the record over his career claiming links to a variety of indigenous nations but being able to confirm few of his claims.

I think we should ask this to determine Boyden's indigenous roots: What generational pain has he had to work to heal? What is his struggle?

Those who have suffered and survived deserve to know.

My life as a mixed indigenous- and white-blood child on the outskirts of Edmonton was both marvellous and terrible.

I spent days in the warm sun wandering the shoreline of a beautiful swamp, waist deep. The evenings I spent lying on my back, watching the dance of the Northern Lights, my ancestors, watching over me. But there was also fear. Legacies of residential school, of children being scooped, abandonment and abuse. Those evil fingers digging deep into our generations, twisting peace into perpetual pain.

As I got older, the "random stops" began in Edmonton. Police tossing me in the back of a cruiser as they ran my ID because I fit a "description." Roughing me up.

One time, my head was pressed into the concrete under a heavy black boot. A baton raised and a partner pulling the man back.

"He's not worth it." I have four sons. Three can

pass for white; one is a beautiful, chocolate brownie, full of life and curiosity. Sometimes my stomach clenches in pain at my worry for him.

I carry physical scars on my body from my experiences. I've worked my entire life to heal the inner scars. This experience is absolutely not uncommon. I've found a healing path.

That brings us to Joseph Boyden. I don't know his personal pain. I don't condemn him for playing Indian. It's safe. If you never have to face the discrimination and pain of inheriting an indigenous identity, what cost is there in claiming one? None at all.

Rather, if you can be charming and fit in, there's access to awards, praise, friendships with rock stars, prime ministers, speaking fees and fame.

We thought the system actually worked: an indigenous person made it through the struggle and earned these things. We celebrated Joseph.

Then we found out it was all a shifting deception. It hurts.

Boyden's been asked: Who are your people? Who claims you? But we didn't ask: What was your struggle?

I dislike the "more Indian than you" trope, but to realize Boyden's indigenous struggle is basically that of trying to invent one — that deserves pause.

These awards and grants exist for a reason: To even the playing field after centuries of inequality. Taking advantage of that in the place of an indigenous person who has "lived experience" of the wrongs we're trying to right — some say is nothing short of theft from those who have already lost so, so much.

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Why it seems like everyone is sick

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The sounds of hacking, sneezing and sniffing fill the halls of hospitals, workplaces and schools across Canada.

We're in the thick of a whopper sickness season, for two main reasons:

One: There's a particularly nasty flu — and a lot of it — going around. Two: Everything else is going around too.

Only a fraction of those who come down with flu-like symptoms are tested, so the real case count is certainly higher, but in the last two weeks of December, 3,177 people tested positive for flu in Canada. That's a ten-fold increase over the 298 cases diagnosed in the same period in 2015.

Blame it on H3N2, said Dr. Allison McGeer, a flu researcher and director of infection control at Toronto's Mt. Sinai hospital. That's the main strain of influenza going around this year. And although the flu shot developed to fight it seems to be a good match, it might not stay that way for long, because H3N2 mutates really, really quickly.

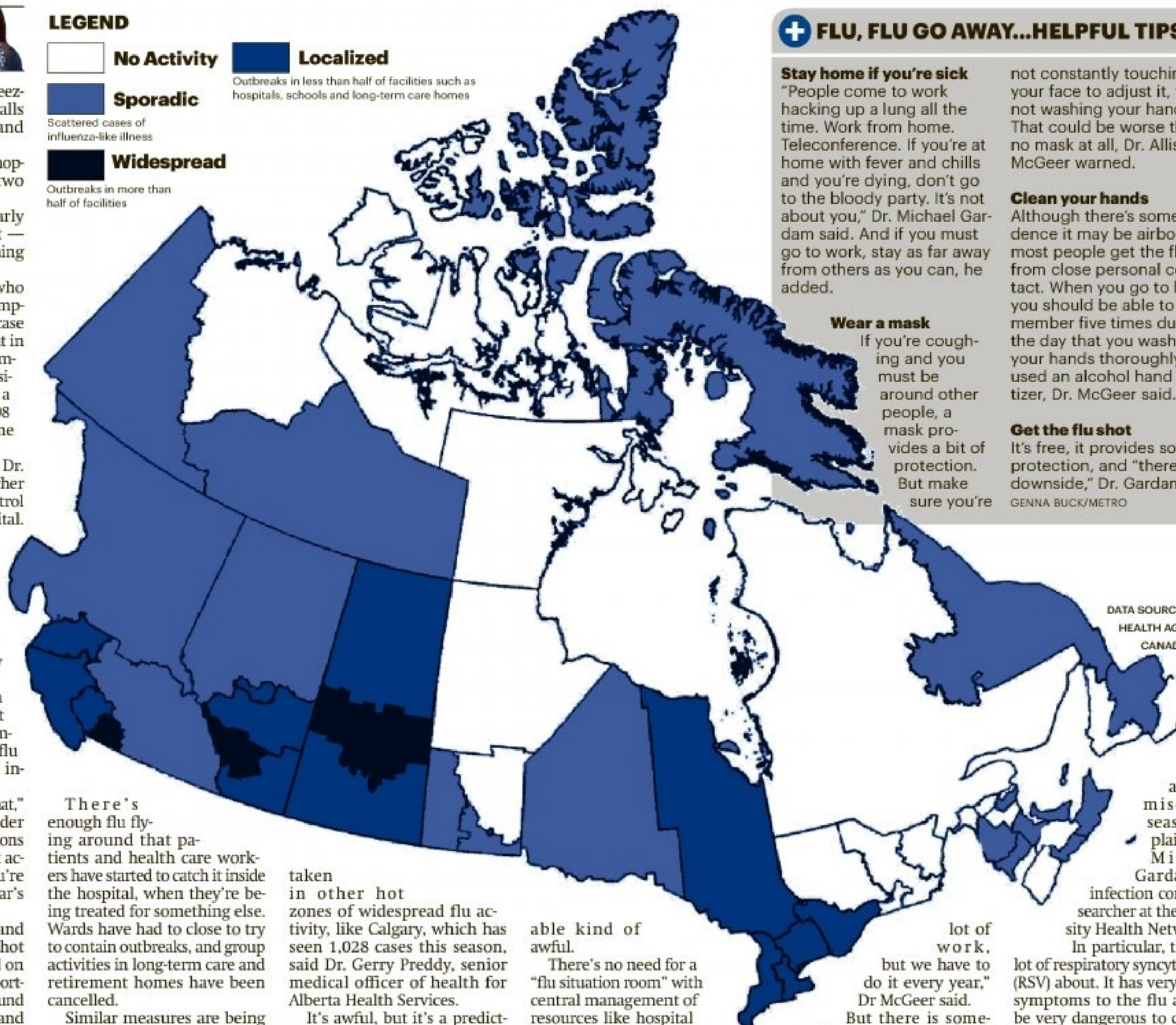
There's more: Through illness and vaccination, most people accumulate some immunity over the years to flu strains such as H1N1 and influenza B.

"With H3N2 it's not like that," McGeer said. "I've seen older people get two H3N2 infections six months apart. You don't accumulate immunity, so you're really dependent on this year's vaccine."

So H3N2 hits the old and frail the hardest. The flu shot also doesn't work very well on them, making it doubly important for the healthy adults around them — family members and health-care workers — to get their shots, McGeer said.

Although public health people around the country are extremely busy at the moment (Dr. McGeer's pager went off twice during our 30-minute chat), she was quick to say it's not a crisis.

LEGEND



DATA SOURCE: PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA

There's enough flu flying around that patients and health care workers have started to catch it inside the hospital, when they're being treated for something else. Wards have had to close to try to contain outbreaks, and group activities in long-term care and retirement homes have been cancelled.

Similar measures are being

taken in other hot zones of widespread flu activity, like Calgary, which has seen 1,028 cases this season, said Dr. Gerry Preddy, senior medical officer of health for Alberta Health Services.

It's awful, but it's a predict-

able kind of awful.

There's no need for a "flu situation room" with central management of resources like hospital beds, vaccines and anti-viral medications, like there was during the swine flu pandemic of 2009 and SARS in 2003.

"That's for situations that are beyond our capacity — this is just a flu season. There is a need for a lot of communication. It is a

lot of work, but we have to do it every year," Dr. McGeer said.

But there is something that makes this year different: other, non-flu respiratory viruses the Public Health Agency of Canada keeps track of are peaking at the exact same time as flu.

A hockey-stick-like spike in the various respiratory viruses began before Christmas, making

not constantly touching your face to adjust it, then not washing your hands: That could be worse than no mask at all, Dr. Allison McGeer warned.

Clean your hands

Although there's some evidence it may be airborne, most people get the flu from close personal contact. When you go to bed you should be able to remember five times during the day that you washed your hands thoroughly or used an alcohol hand sanitizer, Dr. McGeer said.

Get the flu shot

It's free, it provides some protection, and "there's no downside," Dr. Gardam said.

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+ FLU, FLU GO AWAY...HELPFUL TIPS

Stay home if you're sick

"People come to work hacking up a lung all the time. Work from home. Teleconference. If you're at home with fever and chills and you're dying, don't go to the bloody party. It's not about you," Dr. Michael Gardam said. And if you must go to work, stay as far away from others as you can, he added.

Wear a mask

If you're coughing and you must be around other people, a mask provides a bit of protection. But make sure you're

for an exceptionally miserable season, explained Dr. Michael Gardam, an infection control researcher at the University Health Network. In particular, there's a lot of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) about. It has very similar symptoms to the flu and can be very dangerous to children with breathing problems and premature babies.

"My guess is we're two-thirds of the way through the peak of this," Gardam said. "It's not just flu. I want you to get your flu shot, but we can't rely on your flu shot as your only control measure."



If you're at home with fever and chills and you're dying, don't go to the bloody party.

Dr Michael Gardam

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

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The background buzz at the Golden Globes fell silent as Meryl Streep delivered her stirring speech. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: The 2017 Golden Globe Awards (NBC/CTV)
THE MOMENT: Meryl's speech

There was only one moment that mattered. Accepting her lifetime achievement award, Meryl Streep stood on stage. She held notes, but she didn't need them.

She said that everyone in Hollywood — in America — came from somewhere else. Then she cut to the quick: "An actor's only job is to enter the lives of people who are different from us and let you feel what that feels like," she said. "But there was one performance this year that stunned me.... There's nothing good about it. But it did its job."

"It was that moment when the person asking to sit in the most respected seat in our country imitated a disabled reporter, someone he outranked in privilege and power and the capacity to fight back." She finished by calling on everyone to support the principled press, "because we're going to need them...and they'll need us to safeguard the truth."

Throughout the broadcast, background noise had buzzed from the bar. But now Streep's

FACT CHECK

Rating Streep's records

While "overrated" is an opinion, Streep holds the record for the most Academy Award nominations. She has earned 19 Oscar nods and three wins.

raw voice was the only sound. You could feel the room holding its breath.

It's impossible to do justice to how gutsy and thrilling Streep's decision was to make this speech. Most honourees speak about their careers. Streep's been honoured so much, she's past that. This is her lifetime achievement: to have earned the ability to hold the world still for five minutes to say something necessary.

She showed all of us whose hearts are broken by Trumpism a way forward. Not through anger, but through truth. She's our ambassador for empathy.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

A HANDMAID'S TALE

Moss finds fresh meaning in Atwood

Elisabeth Moss has long been prominent on the television front lines in the fight against sexism.

As secretary Peggy Olson, she rose through the ranks of misogynistic executives during the Mad Men era. But her character in Margaret Atwood's A Handmaid's Tale takes the glass ceiling to another level.

In the Canadian author's celebrated novel, Offred lives in a fundamentalist society that was once the United States. Gilead is faced with a declining birth rate and women are treated as property of the state.

The name "Offred" literally means "Of Fred," the commander to whom she is bound in servitude. The tale is once again about the imbalance of power in society.

"It's incredible that it has such meaning today and it was written more than 30 years ago," Moss says.

Moss read Atwood's work years ago and has since reread it several times "till it was dog-eared" to get insight into her character. That included meeting with Atwood herself in Toronto where the series by streaming service Hulu is shot.

"We talked a bit. I asked her a few questions as to what she was thinking when she wrote it," said Moss. "But the funny thing is, it's all there in the book. I always read it. It's so intimate the way she wrote it. My greatest reference and the closest I can get to Margaret Atwood is in that book." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Meryl Streep, one of the most over-rated actresses in Hollywood, doesn't know me but attacked last night at the Golden Globes. She is a Hillary flunky who lost big.
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Scott Coker, the head of Bellator MMA, invites Streep to an event after her MMA jibe in the speech



This Meryl Streep speech is why Trump won. And if people in Hollywood don't start recognizing why and how — you will help him get re-elected.
Senator John McCain's daughter, Meghan McCain, a Fox News host.



Now I hope that Meryl Streep will use her power and influence to ensure that TV and movies include people with disabilities with accurate and positive portrayals.
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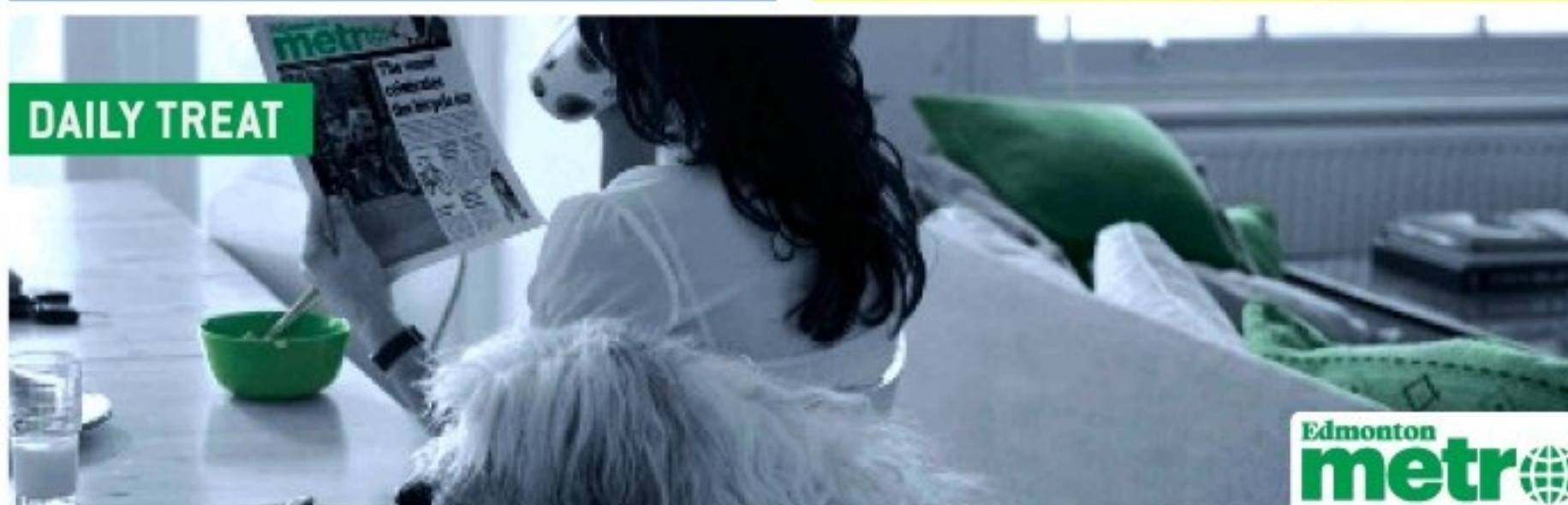
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Scheidegger shows quality

CURLING

Albertan proves point by winning her first Grand Slam event

Casey Scheidegger entered her first Grand Slam curling event as a skip with plenty of potential. She showed the stacked field at the Canadian Open that she belongs at the top level.

Scheidegger beat top names like Jennifer Jones, Rachel Homan, Val Sweeting and others this past week before topping

Swiss skip Silvana Tirinzoni in the final. Not bad for a foursome that has never made it out of provincial playdowns before.

"We just wanted to play well and make lots of shots," a modest Scheidegger said Monday from Lethbridge, Alta.

Mission accomplished. Scheidegger and her team of third Cary-Anne McTaggart, second Jessie Scheidegger and lead Stephanie Enright edged Tirinzoni 5-4 to win \$30,000. They are also brimming with confidence as they prepare for the Alberta playdowns later this month.

"To play against some of the world's best and to beat them

is obviously really exciting and gives us a huge confidence boost," Scheidegger said.

The 28-year-old skip qualified for the 16-team women's field in North Battleford, Sask., after posting three victories on the World Curling Tour this season. They had played some of the top teams in the past, but never at a Tier One event.

Scheidegger opened the triple-



Casey Scheidegger
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

knockout competition by dropping a close decision to Kelsey Rocque before bouncing back with a rout of Homan. A one-point loss to Anna Hasselborg knocked Scheidegger down to the C bracket and she didn't lose after that.

Wins over Kerri Einarson and Rocque sent Scheidegger to the playoff round. Once there, she dispatched Jones, Sweeting and finally Tirinzoni, stealing a point in the final end when the veteran skip was light on a draw to the four-foot.

The victory also gave the team a berth in the Champions Cup this April.

"They've embraced a whole bunch of stuff that we've been trying to integrate with that team this year," said Alberta high-performance coach Paul Webster. "Both from a technical standpoint in terms of how they're throwing the rock but also how they're calling the game and how they're managing the scoreboard. They truly are a coach's dream."

"They've opened their minds. You almost have to be careful what you say to them because they're going to embrace it and do it. They're just a really cool team to work with in that respect."

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NCAA CRIMSON TIDE AND TIGERS FACE OFF IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Alabama running back Bo Scarborough rumbles into the end zone to give the Crimson Tide the early lead over the Clemson Tigers in the NCAA national championship game on Monday night in Tampa, Fla.

Go to metronews.ca for more from the game.

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IN BRIEF

Packers' versatility will be needed if Nelson is out

Wide receivers for the Green Bay Packers are trained to handle any position. That versatility will come in handy for the Packers if Jordy Nelson misses the divisional-round playoff game against the Dallas Cowboys this weekend due to a rib injury.

Nelson will sit out practice midweek to focus on rehab for the injury, though McCarthy said his top receiver may be cleared to play in Dallas.

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It's time for him to grow.

New York Giants general manager Jerry Reese on Odell Beckham Jr., pictured, who allegedly punched a hole in a wall outside the Giants' locker room at Lambeau Field after Sunday night's 38-13 loss to the Packers.

Manning and Spurrier set for college football HOF

Peyton Manning and his Southeastern Conference nemesis, former Florida coach Steve Spurrier, will go into the College Football Hall of Fame together.

The rest of the new Hall of Fame class of 13 players and coaches announced Monday includes Southern California Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk and Danny Ford. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ronaldo wins FIFA's best player award for 4th time

Cristiano Ronaldo received FIFA's best player award for the fourth time on Monday, after Portugal and Real Madrid won both major European titles in 2016.

He beat runner-up and great rival Lionel Messi and Antoine Griezmann to complete a sweep of top individual awards.

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HOCKEY NEWS BITES

Career year

Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman is on pace for a career-high 72 points. Since Dec. 1 the blue-liner has 20 points in 18 games while averaging about 25 minutes for the Lightning.

Schneider's struggles

Cory Schneider, pictured, entered this season bettered only by Carey Price in save percentage since being traded from Vancouver to New Jersey in the summer of 2013.



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The 30-year-old has fallen off in this season with the Devils. Schneider sits 24th in save percentage (.908) among the 35 goalies with at least 20 starts.

Out west

An unlikely six-game win streak has pushed the Vancouver Canucks into the playoff mix, currently one point back of the Los Angeles Kings for the final wild-card spot out west.

NHL

Is 700 club within Ovi's grasp?

Only seven players in the 100-year history of the NHL have ever scored 700 goals, and Alex Ovechkin may join them one day.

Ovechkin recently climbed past Stan Mikita on the all-time goals list and pulled even with the great Maurice (Rocket) Richard for 29th place on Monday.

The 30-year-old captain of the Washington Capitals, with 544 career goals, could reach 24th in NHL history by season's end — passing Mike Modano's 561 goals — if he maintains his current scoring pace.

Barring catastrophe, Ovech-

kin will soon become only the 20th player ever to reach 600 goals — perhaps next season — but can he get to that elusive 700-club, which includes only Wayne Gretzky (894), Gordie Howe (801), Jaromir Jagr (756), Brett Hull (741), Marcel Dionne (731), Phil Esposito (717), and Mike Gartner (708)? Ovechkin is on pace for 38 goals this sea-



Alex Ovechkin
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son, which would leave him only 137 shy of 700 with four years left on his current contract with the Capitals. If he played only those four years Ovechkin would need to average 34-35 goals to get to 700.

Five more years and that average dips below 30, at which point Ovechkin will be in his late 30s. Can he play that long and still remain productive?

Maybe, though not everyone has the moves like Jagr, the last player to reach 700. Jagr reached 27 goals last season at age 44.

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No distractions for Steelers

NFL PLAYOFFS

Pittsburgh says foot injury to Roethlisberger is not an issue

A day later, the way the Pittsburgh Steelers manhandled the Miami Dolphins for long stretches during their lopsided wild-card win on Sunday felt just as good as it did the first time around.

"It was a pretty thing to watch," right tackle Marcus Gilbert said.

Except for that one snap late in the fourth quarter with the Steelers up three scores and things well in hand, the one that left quarterback Ben Roethlisberger wearing a walking boot postgame after tweaking his right ankle when Dolphins defensive end Cameron Wake fell on Roethlisberger's legs during a third-down heave that led to an interception.

Roethlisberger was face down on the Heinz Field turf for a moment before walking off and later jogging to the locker-room at the end of the 30-12 beat down.

While he brushed it off after-



Ben Roethlisberger rushes the football against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

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ward and there appears to be no concerns over his availability for next weekend's visit to Kansas City, that didn't make it easier for Gilbert to deal with, particularly when he was the one who let Wake get loose.

"When you saw that, honestly kind of felt sick to your stomach," Gilbert said Monday.

"But you know he's one of

the toughest guys I've been around. You know he's going to play through anything, get back up and do what he has to do to get to next week and play his kind of ball."

Even if the prospect of having Roethlisberger still under centre and throwing with Pittsburgh firmly in control late seemed an unnecessary risk to some,

particularly on social media even after Pittsburgh reeled off its eighth straight win.

"I think hindsight is always 20/20," guard David DeCastro said. "We've made plays like that before in that situation."

DeCastro isn't kidding. Head coach Mike Tomlin and offensive co-ordinator Todd Haley have built Pittsburgh's offence into

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It was a pretty thing to watch.

Steelers tackle Marcus Gilbert on beating Miami

one of the league's most dynamic by consistently and relentlessly staying aggressive regardless of the situation.

Roethlisberger remained in the game and threw passes with under eight minutes to play in seven games this season in which the Steelers were at least two touchdowns ahead. "We had our foot on the pedal," Gilbert said. "You take it off, tends to turn the opposite way. We kept our foot on the pedal."

And now that foot is a bit achy, one of the few blemishes on an otherwise spectacular performance.

Pittsburgh's biggest headaches going forward are the state of Roethlisberger's foot and the absence of outside linebackers coach Joey Porter following his arrest at a Pittsburgh bar on Sunday night on charges of aggravated assault on an officer and public drunkenness.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Texans keen to improve for Pats

Despite a decisive win over the Raiders in the wild-card round, the Houston Texans know improvement is necessary if they hope to get their first divisional playoff win in franchise history on Saturday against New England.

"There's always room for improvement," coach Bill O'Brien said. "That's what the league is all about — who can improve the fastest to get to where you want to go?"

Brock Osweiler returned to the starting lineup on Saturday after being benched two weeks ago after inconsistent play and multiple turnovers. He looked better than he had before he was pulled, throwing a touchdown pass and running for another score. He also took care of the ball in just his fourth start this season where he didn't throw an interception.

But he only finished with 168 yards passing, leaving the Texans looking for more from him this week. "We were more consistent than we have been," O'Brien said of the offence. "I think we can still be better. There's always improvement to make."

A key to Osweiler's success on Saturday was his ability to get DeAndre Hopkins involved in the game after struggling to get him the ball this season.

Hopkins finished with 67 yards receiving and a touchdown, giving the Texans something to build on this week against the Patriots.

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Houston hopes for better production from Brock Osweiler this weekend. GETTY IMAGES

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NBA

Westbrook, Thunder brush the Bulls aside

Russell Westbrook had 21 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder pull away from the Chicago Bulls for an easy 109-94 victory Monday night.

Steven Adams scored 22 points and Enes Kanter had 20 points and 11 rebounds, leading a dominant performance inside for Oklahoma City. Victor Oladipo added 13 points.

Dwyane Wade led Chicago with 22 points and Michael Carter-Williams had 15.

The Bulls had won three in a row and five of seven, but they were no match for the Thunder with Jimmy Butler hampered by an illness. The reigning Eastern Conference player of week had one point on 0-for-6 shooting and seven assists in 29 minutes before exiting in the third quarter.



Jerami Grant dunks for the Thunder. GETTY IMAGES

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For Metro Canada

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- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion diced
- 3 cloves of garlic minced
- 1 or 3 stalks of celery chopped
- 3 medium carrots sliced thinly
- 1 yellow or green zucchini, halved and then sliced
- 6 mushrooms cleaned and sliced
- 1 14 oz. can of cannellini beans
- 2 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 x 28 oz. can drained plum tomatoes
- 1 cup whole wheat tubetti pasta
- thyme and rosemary
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan

Directions

1. Sauté onion, garlic and celery in olive oil till soft, 3 minutes. Add carrots and cook 2 minutes before adding zucchini and mushrooms. Let soften before adding the stock.
2. Drain can of cannellini beans and scoop out 1/3 cup and mash roughly. Put mashed and unmashed beans into pot and stir. Cover and simmer 5 minutes.
3. Drain tomatoes and add, breaking up with spoon. Simmer 5 minutes.
4. Add cup of tubetti, a good pinch of thyme and rosemary and cook for 10 minutes. Add some salt and pepper to taste.

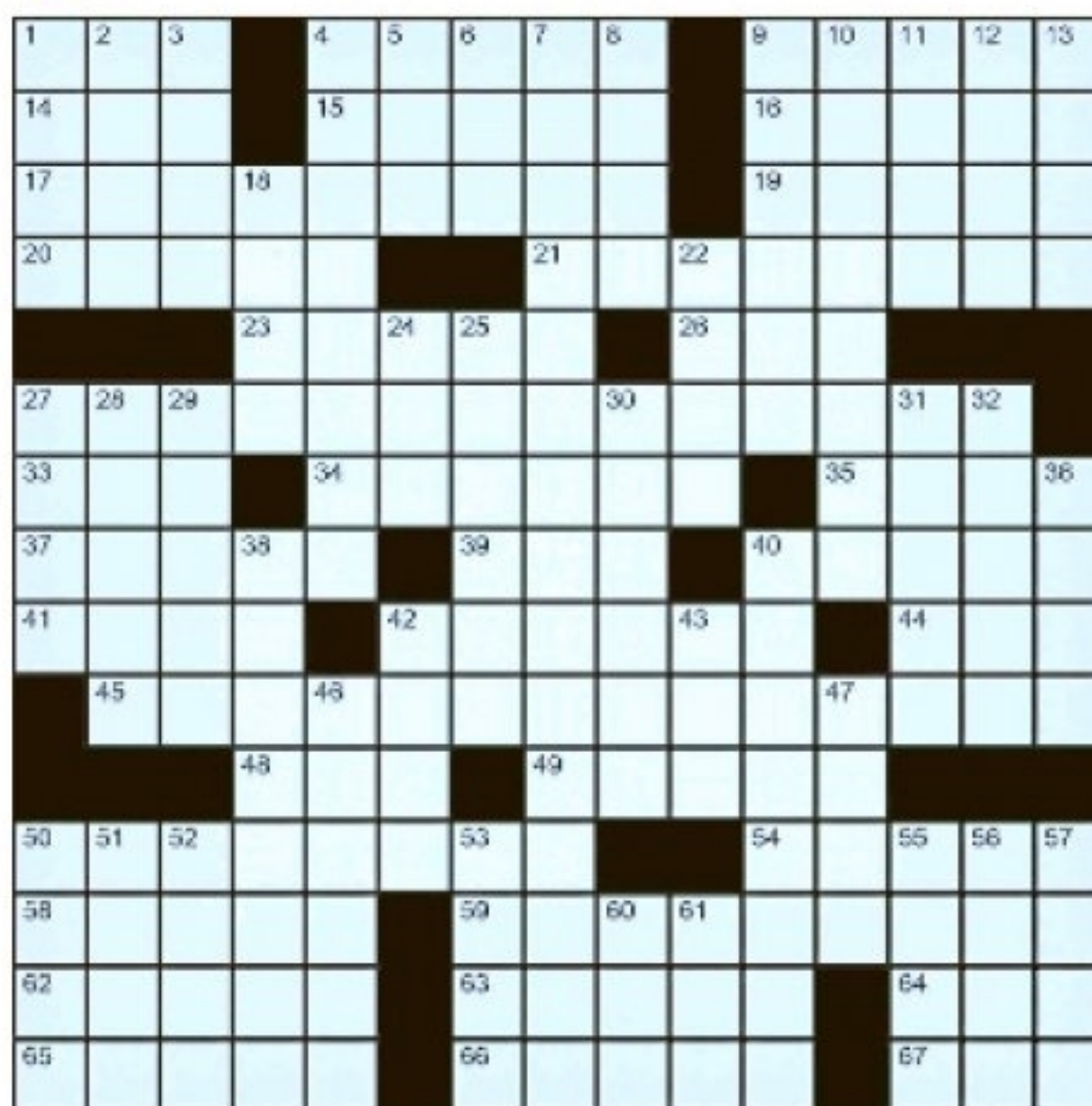
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1. Texter's pal
4. A belt is worn around one
9. "American __ Warrior" (NBC's obstacle course show)
14. Ghost's communication...
15. When a long lunch might end: 2 wds.
16. The Hunter constellation
17. Sweetly soothe a sour situation
19. Jabbed
20. Celebrity chef Mario Batali always wears orange ones
21. Close-ivity
23. Belonging to the "Good Times" disco group
26. Plant seeds
27. Vancouver's great Spirit of the West: 3 wds.
33. Ms. MacGraw
34. Glenn Gould played them
35. Street
37. Belonging to NYC's legendary punk club
39. "Rhoda" production co.
40. Stephen King's fictional Maine town
41. Charlie Chaplin's last wife
42. 11:55am or 2:55pm ...in two other words
44. Culpa's partner
45. Futuristic comic series by Brian K. Vaughan and Steve Skroce (with colouring by Matt Hollingsworth) about



- Canadian freedom fighters: 4 wds.
48. French possessive
49. Novel's I'll opening
50. Get less noisy: 2 wds.
54. "Don't mind __"

58. Send __ (Communicate via Hallmark)
59. Trailblazer
62. Not like The Fonz
63. Rent
64. Niblets holder
65. Soddy stuff
66. Laundromat

- appliance
 67. Timecard abbr.
- DOWN**
1. Pear variety
 2. Bobby Orr's number
 3. Island off of Newfoundland
 4. Navy vessels

5. Airport tower [acronym]
6. Figure skater Midori
7. Couch potato's retro meal: 3 wds.
8. Books-carrying bag
9. "I've got this, don't worry": 2 wds.

10. Pots and kettles and pans
11. Ancient winged goddess
12. Smokey __ Cafe (Leiber & Stoller musical revue)
13. Pluses
18. Invoice abbr.
22. Inquires
24. Here: French
25. Stuff tightly: 2 wds.
27. Prefix to 'phony' (Harsh noise)
28. Arm joint
29. Line: French
30. "Get real!": 2 wds.
31. __ Jean, "Candle in the Wind" lady
32. One saying "I bet you can't..."
36. Pair
38. "Inglourious __" (2009)
40. Fictional setting in Saskatchewan of "Corner Gas": 2 wds.
42. Burkina __ (Nation in West Africa)
43. Mtn. blaster
46. 26th Pres. Mr. Roosevelt's
47. __ (Edmonton sch.)
50. Hungry feeling
51. Frosting applicator
52. Prefix to 'normal'
53. Untamed
55. Pining
56. House entrance
57. Spheres
60. Negative vote
61. 'Lact' suffix

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
One thing is certain today: You will be surprised by bosses and authority figures. That's because parents, VIPs and teachers will do something that is completely unpredictable.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Sudden opportunities to travel might fall into your lap today. Alternatively, plans for travel might be cancelled, delayed or changed. Yes, it's a crapshoot.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Double-check all details concerning inheritances, shared property, insurance issues and debt, because something unexpected will affect these areas.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A partner or close friend will surprise you today. This person might demand more freedom in the relationship, or he or she might make an unusual suggestion. Think twice before you respond.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Equipment at work might break down today. This is a classic day for computer breakdowns. Something unexpected will create delays and detours on the job.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant. Know where they are at all times. Social events might be suddenly cancelled or changed in some way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something will interrupt your home routine today. Small appliances might break down. Minor breakages could Someone unexpected might appear at your door.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so be extra careful. Be mindful of everything you say and do. Keep your eyes open!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Something unexpected might affect your finances and possessions today. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You feel rebellious today. Even if you're not aware of it, you probably are impatient. Of course, it's hard to control anything that happens today, because it's all so unpredictable!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You feel restless today. You feel like you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Don't act until you get all the information about what's going on.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend might surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet someone new who is avant-garde or unusual in some way.

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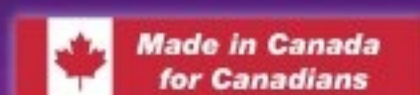
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